

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are presently active in this case.

The outstanding Office Action objected to the specification and drawings because of informalities.

Claims 1-18 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

In response to the objection to the specification, the specification is amended to correct the noted informalities.

In response to the objection to the drawings, submitted herewith is a Letter Submitting Drawing Sheets along with 2 Replacement Sheets for Figs. 4 and 9 correcting the noted informalities.

Finally, Applicant respectfully requests that the references cited in the parent application (S.N. 10/368,535) be indicated as having been considered in the next Office Action, as required by MPEP 609 and 2001.06(b).¹

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-18 is earnestly solicited.

¹ MPEP 2001.06(b) states "If the application under examination is identified as a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an earlier application, the examiner will consider the prior art cited in the earlier application. See MPEP 609. The examiner must indicate in the first Office action whether the prior art in the related earlier application has been reviewed. Accordingly, no separate citation of the same prior art need be made in the later application."

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 4 and 9. These sheets, which include Figs. 4 and 9, replace the original sheets including Figs. 4 and 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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